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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Lola M. REID et al.

Title: TEXTILES FOR USE IN BIOREACTORS FOR EXPANSION AND MAINTENANCE OF CELLS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 17, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group III, Claims 6, 7 and 10-14, for examination, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the Office has not shown that there would be a serious burden to examine all of the claims together. As set forth in MPEP § 803, there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is required. Because a burden must be shown, and because the Office has not demonstrated such a burden, Applicants respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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